

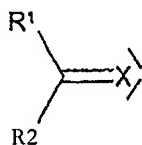
Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 13, lines 4 through 5, with the following amended paragraph:

The applications cited in the preceding paragraphs are hereby ~~considered to be part of the application~~ incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Please add the following new paragraph at page 9, line 27:

The matrix material present in the above-described mixtures is at least one compound of the formula (1)



formula (1)

where the symbols are each defined as follows:

X is 0;

R¹, R² is the same or different at each instance and is an aromatic or heteroaromatic system having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, in which one or more hydrogen atoms may be replaced by F, Cl, Br, I, and which may be substituted by one or more R radicals, and a plurality of substituents R¹ and/or R¹, R², either on the same ring or on the two different rings, may together in turn form a further mono- or polycyclic, aliphatic or aromatic ring system; with the proviso that R¹ = R² and is not hydrogen;

R is the same or different at each instance and is H, CN, a straight-chain, branched or cyclic alkyl, alkoxy or alkylamino group having from 1 to 40 carbon atoms, in which one or more nonadjacent CH₂ groups may be replaced by -R⁴C=CR⁴-, C=O, C=S, C=Se, C=NR⁴-, -O-, -S-, -NR⁵- or -CONR⁶-, and in which one or more hydrogen atoms may be replaced by F, Cl, Br, I;

R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ are the same or different at each instance and are H or an aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms.